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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 300-4-2

SUBJECT: LTP – MODIFYING THE STATEWIDE EQIP CONSERVATION PRACTICE
PAYMENT DOCKET AND EQIP SCORING WORKSHEET

Purpose. To request recommendations for modifying the Statewide EQIP Conservation Practice Payment Docket and the EQIP Scoring Worksheet.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2004.

The EQIP Statewide Conservation Practice Payment Docket and the EQIP Scoring Worksheet are being reviewed for FY 2004 usage.

Field staff should submit suggestions for docket modifications and scoring worksheet changes to their NRCS Area Office by November 17, 2003. Area Offices will consolidate and submit requests to the NRCS State Office by December 2, 2003.

Docket recommendations can include deleting or adding a practice; decreasing the maximum cost-share rate; increasing maximum amount to be cost-shared when using the “Actual Maximum” (AM) payment method; or additions of special practices. Requests for increasing maximum cost-shared amounts must be accompanied by documentation justifying the change. Justification could include submitting bills and/or invoices received to install similar practices or components. Changes made to the EQIP docket will also be reflected in other NRCS cost-share programs such as WHIP.

Include suggestions generated by the local work group (LWG) in this process. It is anticipated the scoring worksheet will remain substantially as is, with local priority weighting and local factor scoring. Also, please share this bulletin with FSA and coordinate any inter-agency response that you may have.

Requests submitted to the Area Offices should be directed to the Area Resource Conservationist with a courtesy copy to the respective Assistant State Conservationist for the Area. Submit Area summations to Tim Koehler, Assistant State Conservationist, or send email requests to “mn.eqip”.

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